

MIAMI IRRESPONSIBLE ON HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

(Mr. SHAW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to protest the unfair allocation of urban area security funding by the city of Miami. Miami is unfairly withholding the essential funds that my district needs to improve antiterrorism measures.

The city of Miami wants to keep the lion's share of the urban area security funding and to buy a helicopter, a helicopter, when Broward is receiving an embarrassing 10 percent of the money and Palm Beach County is receiving zero dollars.

It is ridiculous for Miami to be buying a helicopter with tax dollars of hard-working Americans. That is just plain egregious. All Broward and Palm Beach counties want is a fair share of what we need to protect our citizens against a terrorist attack.

One month after the 9/11 attack, anthrax was used to kill Robert Stevens, a 63-year-old photo editor in Palm Beach. And it is well known that the 9/11 terrorists made south Florida their base of operation. How much more evidence do we need to prove that Broward and Palm Beach counties are at risk and that we need some Federal assistance to help us address these very real threats.

The city of Miami cannot be trusted to spend in money on behalf of the region. President Bush, Secretary Ridge, Attorney General Ashcroft, Governor Bush, on down to the American taxpayers ought to be livid at what is going on. I know I am and so are my constituents.

CORRUPTION OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, yesterday a bipartisan majority in this House voted to change the PATRIOT Act so the government cannot wantonly snoop and peer in what people are reading in their public libraries and at their book stores. But that bipartisan majority was unable to be sustained because of the corruption of the Republican leadership in this House, because of the corruption of the rules of this House, and because of the corruption of the principles of this country by that Republican leadership.

What they could not stand was the fact that there was a majority that disagreed with the handful in the Republican leadership. So they nullified the vote. They nullified the principles of democracy; they nullified the principles of majority rule in the House of Representatives.

That very same day, thousands of families and schoolchildren came through the Capitol and they were told this is where democracy reigns. This is the beacon to the world. This is where freedom exists. But it does not exist on the floor of the House of Representatives because of the corruption of the leadership of the Republican Party.

Every time they believe the majority is going to win out here, a bipartisan coalition majority whether it is on minimum wage, whether it is on overtime, they prevent that vote from taking place. The people who are truly afraid of the majority in this country is the corrupt Republican leadership in this House.

HONORING WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY'S STEWARDSHIP OF NATIONAL REVIEW

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today the conservative movement in America stands on the shoulders of giants: men such as Edmund Burke, T.S. Elliot, F.A. Hayek, Whitaker Chambers, and William F. Buckley, Jr. Of all these theorists, no one has made a deeper and more profound impression on my life than William F. Buckley, Jr.

Since attending high school, I have read National Review, the magazine founded by Mr. Buckley in 1955. Through his stewardship of conservatism's flagship magazine, he was able to direct our visions and coherently communicate our positive philosophy. Indeed, Mr. Buckley defined the conservative movement as one that promotes a strong national defense to defeat communism and terrorism and for limited government, lower taxation, personal responsibility, individual freedom.

These principles are still the basis of conservatism today, and the National Review after nearly 50 years is still our guidebook.

Last week, Mr. Buckley turned over his ownership of National Review and ended a special era in American history. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in thanking William F. Buckley, Jr., for his service to the American political dialogue.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops and we will not forget September 11.

PUBLIC TRANSIT NEEDS MORE FUNDING FOR SECURITY

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, it does not hurt to remind Americans to be vigilant against terrorist attacks, but yesterday's infomercial from the Department of Homeland Security was similar to warnings in April and May

that did not tell the American people what to do and glossed over serious gaps in the administration's effort to protect our rail and transit systems.

One-third of all terrorist attacks worldwide target transit systems, and public transit is the most frequent target. What happened in Madrid could easily happen in New York. And we know for sure that the al Qaeda had plans to attack Washington D.C.'s Metro system last year.

We know that public transit carries 16 times more passengers than the airlines, but the Federal Government provides 90 times more funding for airline security. Something is very wrong with this security funding formula, and yesterday's press conference did nothing to fix it.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HON. NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
July 8, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1501(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (P.L. 108-136), I hereby appoint to the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission Col. Larry G. Brown of Oregon and Mr. Joe Wynn of Washington, DC.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2828, WATER SUPPLY, RELIABILITY, AND ENVIRON- MENTAL IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 711 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 711

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2828) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement water supply technology and infrastructure programs aimed at increasing and diversifying domestic water resources. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. All points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources; (2) the further amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on